

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 18, 2021

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Thayn, Vice Chairman Crabtree, Senators Den Hartog, Woodward, Lent, Johnson, Cook, Ward-Engelking, and Nelson

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Thayn** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Vice Chairman Crabtree** moved to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2021. **Senator Nelson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 22** **Relating to Public Charter Schools; Removes a Dated Section of the Education Funding Formula in 33-5208.** **Chairman Thayn** addressed the open business left on the table concerning **H 22**.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Crabtree** moved to send **H 22** to the 14th Order of Business for possible amendment. **Senator Johnson** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**S 1109** **Relating to Workforce Development; Creates the Idaho Promise Mentor Program to Build Relationships With Idaho High School Students, Their Families, Veterans and Other Adults to Help Them Overcome Financial Barriers to Earning Postsecondary Apprenticeships, Job Training Certificates and Associate of Applied Science Degrees.** **Senator Burgoyne** outlined the proposed bill and stood for questions (see Attachments 1, 2).

**TESTIMONY:** **Dr. Jean M. Henscheid**, a fellow with the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, University of South Carolina, took the podium and testified in favor of **S 1109**. **Dr. Henscheid** said she has seen this type of program in operation in other states and believes Idaho students would benefit.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Den Hartog** asked what a reasonable time frame would be for the State to determine if the Idaho Promise Mentor Program is a success. **Dr. Henscheid** said two to three years should be plenty of time for the program to gather data concerning students who graduate high school, calculate how many are enrolled in a college or certificate program, how many will graduate college, or how many have obtained work in their chosen field.

**MOTION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to send **S 1109** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Woodward** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**PAGE GRADUATION:** **Chairman Thayn** asked Hannah Stephenson to take the podium and tell the Committee about her experience as a page for the Education Committee for the first half of the 66th Legislative Session. Ms. Stephenson was then presented with a thank you gift for her work helping the Committee.

**PRESENTATION:** **Chairman Thayn** drew the Committee's attention to the final handout in their folder, titled "Educators and Legislators: A More Visible Alliance," penned by Lindsey Yundt, Clinical Instructor, Boise State University (see Attachment 3).

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Thayn** adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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Senator Thayn  
Chair

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Florence Lince  
Secretary